# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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Mirage and Transport Aircraft
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether parts of Mirage 2000 and MIG-29 imported from Russia and repaired engines of Russian made transport aircraft, IL-76 are held up at various airports and ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Due to withdrawal of exemption of custom duty on items imported by Defence Services w.e.f. 01.04.2016, the consignments of imported items for Mirage 2000 upgraded aircraft and MIG-29 were held up at airports for customs clearance. No repaired engines of IL-76 fleet are held up at any airport / port. The matter has been resolved since.

(c) In order to resolve the problem, a procedure, has been formulated as per which the consignments are cleared by issuing a custom clearance certificate by Ministry of Defence (MoD) and a bond signed by Indian Air Force. A Standing Operating Procedure has been issued to all concerned for affecting payment of custom duty.

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